

## The Romance of the Romanoffs Joseph Martin McCabe

The eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were periods of stark contrast between the opulent lifestyle of the rich and the extreme poverty of the peasants throughout the world. In addition, Russia straddled eastern and western cultures, not fitting neatly into either. The church was an important force, and those adhering to traditional eastern religions were peaceful and accustomed to 'doing as they were told'; followers of western thought were more eager for a democratic society. Add an autocratic czar and the conditions were ripe for revolution, corruption and murder. This history traces the stories of the weak Michael, the great Peter and Catherine to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanoffs. - Summary by Lynne Thompson

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